

March 4, 1934.

Dear Evelyn and Curt:

I feel ashamed that I have not written to you earlier but then, I am frequently so bad about doing this. As you see, I am now in Freiburg. I spent two months in Berlin but there experienced so much sickness that I decided it would be better for me to come to Freiburg. This, of course, was not the only reason. At Berlin, there were so few people at the Institute compared to former times. The Harnack Haus was empty, practically no foreigners had come to the institute. After two months of being alternately and together discouraged and physically sick I came here. I knew that it was a small university town (not so small actually, but small in its ways of living) and that I would have a better chance to see some of the life at closer range. Also, the botanical institute I knew to be good. Since I had not planned to do research for the few months I would be here I thought it would be a good move. Now, I am very glad that I did so. It is very beautiful here and comfortable. The Botanical Institute is well equipped although there are relatively few people here now. Oehlkers has been fine to me as have the other members. I was particularly surprised at the number of Americans here. Naturally, I have gotten to know many of them and we have exchanged ideas on all the pertinent questions. My opinions and the general opinions I can best translate to you when I get home.

Goldschmidt was exceedingly nice to me in Berlin. I have to thank him for many kindnesses. Naturally his situation is very unpleasant and he has my full sympathy. The situation for his children is very bad. I have seen the daughter several times. She is thinking of coming to America to live, if she can get some sort of a position in a Hospital. I do not know what the son is planning to do.

When I came down here to Freiburg I had planned to stay only a month and then return to Berlin. However, it agreed with me here so that I decided to stay longer and now I think that I shall not be able to go back there before I come home. I was sick so much of the time while I was there that I did not see any of the people that I wanted to see - thinking that I would see them when I returned. Therefore, I did not get the opportunity to see your family. Naturally, I feel very sorry that I lost this opportunity.

The language has come very hard for me, just as I had anticipated! However, in many ways it has been a lot of fun. I have had a good time comparing notes with the other Americans here, and the English also. We Americans and English are all relatively stupid in languages I find. It was something of a relief to me to find that I do not take the booby prize although I compete for it.

I am leaving in a short time for England. I want to spend a few weeks in England and visit the John Innes Institute. I understand that Chester Bliss is there also. Quite a California reunion we can have!

Will be seeing you soon, I hope. I expect to be back in the middle of April. I am job hunting! The Guggenheim foundation is allowing their fellows to do work in the U.S. because of the foreign exchange. I shall work in

*Chaco this summer. But Mexico - always - Barb.*